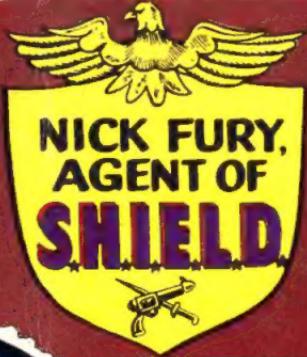


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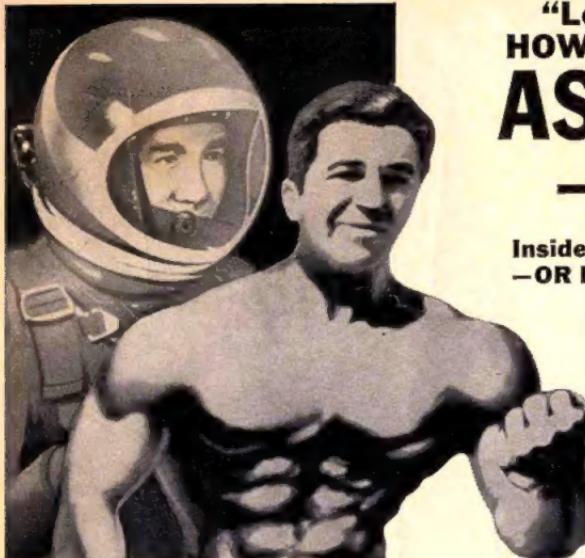
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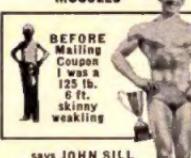
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UGLY FAT
4 inches off my WAIST!"

says
Felipe Mendez

Which of these 2
MEN IS YOU?
That 220 lb. FAT-
BOY was ME a few
weeks ago. Look at
him NOW! See
how MIGHTY
MUSCLES, added
7 inches to his
CHEST, 3 inches on
each ARM, 12 inches
on each LEG, made
and flabby you are. All I want is min-
utes a day in your home to make you
over by the same method.

says JOHN SILL
I added 7 inches to MY
CHEST, 3½ INCHES to
EACH ARM. No, Pal.
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chicken-chested skinny
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DUM DUM? I AINT GETTIN'
ANY YOUNGER IN THIS
BLASTED ANTI-SHOCK
SEAT!

EVERYTHING'S
GO, AGENT PUGAN!
JUST GIVE US THE
WORD!

I BEGGED THE COLONEL
TO LET ME TAKE THE
IMPACT OF THE SONIC
BLAST INSTEAD OF HIM,
BUT...

LOWER THE
DESTRUCT HORN,
AND LET'S GET IT
OVER WITH!

CLAM UP, SITWELL!

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OF THE
**OVERKILL
HORN!**

DON'T YIELD!
BACK SHIELD!

NICK, FOR THE LAST TIME,
I'M ASKIN' YA NOT TO GO
THROUGH WITH IT!

EVEN IN THAT PADDED
CHAIR, THE SONIC BOOM'LL
DEMOLISH YA!

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IF YA DON'T STOP FLAPPIN' YER GUMS, I'LL DEMOLISH
YOU, YA OLD GOAT!

GIT THE SHOW ON THE
ROAD! IT'S ROASTIN'
IN HERE!

BUT WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO
YA IF THERE'S A SONIC
BACKLASH?

AT LEAST I WON'T
HAVETA LISTEN TO
ANY MORE OF YER
BLASTED YAPPIN'!!

THERE'S NO
MORE TO BE
SAID; WE HAVE
OUR ORDERS!
YOU'VE GOT
TO GIVE THE
COMMAND!

BUT, I'VE KNOWN FURY
A HECKVA LOT LONGER
THAN YOU HAVE...OR
ANYBODY HAS!

NOW I FEEL LIKE I'M
DELIVERIN' HIS DEATH
SENTENCE!



WE FOUGHT SIDE-BY-SIDE ALL THROUGH THE WAR!
WE HELPED MAKE A HAS-BEEN OUTTA HITLER, AND A
BUM OUTTA BENITO!

DUM DUM! KNOCK
OFF THE HEARTS 'N'
FLOWERS, YA KNUCKLE-
HEADED CORNBALL!!

THERE'S A LOT MORE
THAN MY LIFE RIPIN'
ON THIS BLASTED
TEST...SO GIT
GOIN'!

OKAY, COLONEL!
IF I GOTTA, I
GOTTA! GIT A
GRIP ON YOUR-
SELF NOW, HEAR?



IF I DON'T COME OUTTA THIS, DUM DUM...KEEP THE
TESTS GOIN' UNTIL THEY WORK!

IF WE DON'T LICK THIS THING
IN TIME, IT COULD MEAN CUR-
TAINS FER ALL OF US!

SO... STAY WITH IT...
OLD FRIEND! THAT'S AN
ORDER!



AWRIGHT!! YA AIN'T
GETTIN' PAID TA PICK
DAISIES, MISTER!

WE GOT US A JOB TO DO,
SO LET'S GIT IT OVER
WITH!

THIS IS IT,
AGENT DUGAN!

LOWER THE
HORN...NOW!

ONCE I THROW
THIS LEVER, NOTHING
CAN STOP THE FINAL
BLAST...!

THE COUNT IS...ZERO!!

STAND
BY!

KLAKKK!



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MEANWHILE, THE LASER-LIKE SONIC BEAM, UNLEASHED AT NICK FURY'S COMMAND, STREAKS ACROSS THE COUNTRYSIDE AT THE SPEED OF SOUND...



-- CUTTING ACROSS PRE-SET TARGETS, SUCH AS A COMPLEX OF DESERTED TEST BUILDINGS, LIKE A RAZOR SLICING THROUGH THE FLIMMEST THREAD...

NOTHING CAN DEFY THE DEADLY BEAM! EVEN A SPEEDING JET, CARRYING THE LATEST ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSES, WHICH CARELESSLY STRAYED OFF-COURSE, IS DESTROYED ON CONTACT...



SO THAT'S WHY THIS AREA WAS OFF-LIMITS!
WHATEVER THAT IS... I HOPE IT BELONGS TO OUR SIDE!

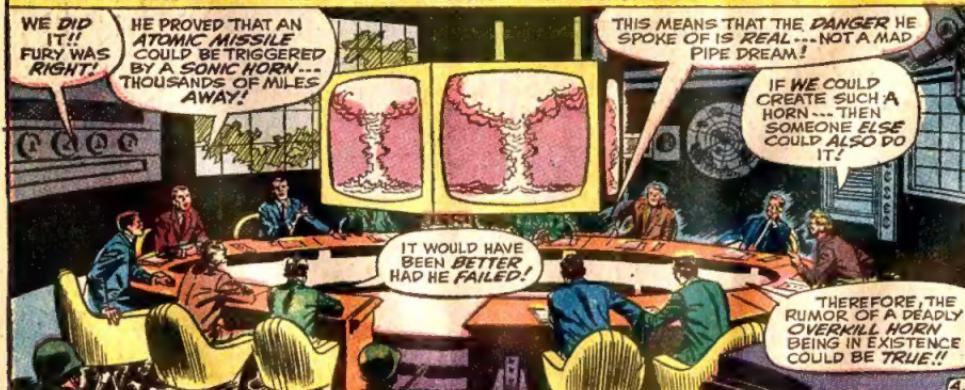
FINALLY, EXACTLY AS PLANNED, THE SPEEDING BEAM REACHES A NUCLEAR MISSILE, LAUNCHED FROM ITS HIDDEN, UNDERGROUND SILO HALF A CONTINENT AWAY, IN THE LONELIEST PART OF THE DESERT...



AND, AS THE INSTANTANEOUS IMPACT TRIGGERS A LETHAL ATOMIC BLAST, THE EXPERIMENT COMES TO AN END... AS SUDENLY AS IT HAD BEGINNED!



WHILE, SILENTLY ORBITING IN THEIR GIGANTIC FLYING HELI-CARRIER, THE TOP OFFICIALS OF SHIELD'S PLANS AND OPERATIONS SECTION VIEW THE ENTIRE SCENE WITH AWE AND APPREHENSION...



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WHY SO CREST-FALLEN, GENERAL? AFTER ALL, WE HAVE THE OVER-KILL HORN OURSELVES!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, SENATOR!

WE KNOW THAT WE WOULD NEVER USE SUCH AN AWESOME WEAPON... BUT WE CANNOT BE AS SURE OF OTHERS!

OTHERS? WHAT OTHERS?

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME, GENERAL?

YES, SENATOR! I AM RELUCTANT TO SPEAK OF IT, BECAUSE WE HAVE NO PROOF AS YET...

BUT, RUMORS HAVE BEEN TRICKLING IN TO SHIELD FOR MONTHS...

HIGHLY DISTURBING RUMORS... ABOUT A SUPER-OVERKILL HORN... ONE WHICH CAN TRIGGER EVERY ATOM STOCKPILE ON EARTH WITH A SINGLE BLAST!



HOWEVER, IF COLONEL FURY'S SUSPICIONS ARE CORRECT, THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO FACE THE GRAVEST DANGER IT HAS EVER KNOWN!

BUT, NO NATION WOULD USE SUCH A WEAPON! IT WOULD DETONATE THEIR OWN ATOMIC BOMBS AS WELL AS OTHERS!

IT ISN'T A NATION THAT FURY THINKS IS BEHIND ALL THIS, SENATOR! /NOT A NATION? THEN WHO?? OR...WHAT??



WELL, NO MATTER! I'M DUE AT FURY'S HEADQUARTERS IN A FEW MINUTES ANYWAY! I HAVE AN EXCITING MESSAGE FOR HIM!

I'LL ASK HIM MYSELF WHEN WE MEET!



AND, SPEAKING OF THE ORDEAL WHICH NICK FURY HAS JUST UNDERGONE, EVEN IN THE TESTING CHAMBER OF THE FAMOUS SHIELD ARMORY, DEDICATED AGENTS CAN TALK OF LITTLE ELSE...

SO FAR OUR PROTECTIVE SUITS ARE CHECKING OUT-A-OKAY!

I HOPE COLONEL FURY'S SUIT GAVE HIM THE SAME PROTECTION IN HIS SONIC CRASH!

'FRAID IT DIDN'T! I HEARD THE CHIEF GOT IT PRETTY BAD FROM THE BACK-LASH!

SHOOOSH!



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AND, IN THE INSULATED FROG TANK, WHERE AGENTS WORK AT DISARMING A MAGNETIC TEST MINE ...

ANY WORD ON
THE CHIEF'S
CONDITION
YET?

YEAH! THEY SAY
HE PULLED
THROUGH,
BUT HE'LL BE
OUT OF ACTION
FOR A WHILE!

COLONEL
FURY...
OUT OF
ACTION??

I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!

NOW REMEMBER,
COLONEL....THE
DOCTOR SAID
YOU'RE NOT TO
OVERTAX
YOURSELF...!!

SITWELL, ONE MORE PEEP OUTTA
YOU, I'LL HIT'CHA SO HARD ON
TOPIA YER FLAT HEAD THAT YA'LL
HAVETA REACH UP TO TOUCH
BOTTOM!! IT'S SURE GOOD
TO SEE THAT YOU'RE
STILL OKAY, SIR!

CON-
GRATULATIONS
ON SURVIVING
THE SONIC
BOOM, COLONEL!

WUZN'T
NOTHIN' TO
IT--!

NOW--LOOK ALIVE!
I GOT SOMETHIN'
TO SHOW YA!

YOU BETTER
NOT BELIEVE
IT, YOU WATER-
LOGGED
WOMBATS!

AND DON'T
LET THIS TWO-
WHEELED
POGO-STICK
FOOL YA., EITHER!

IT'S THE COLONEL!!
HE'S OKAY!

I CAN STILL TAKE THE HIDE OFF
ANY JOKER I CATCH GOLD-
BRICKIN' AROUND HERE!

KEEP YER EYES
OPEN, KIDDIES...
AND Y'ALL LEARN
ALL ABOUT IT!

WATCH
THIS!!

KLIK!

RUN! HE'S
AIMING IT
RIGHT AT
US!

MAYBE HIS
ACCIDENT
MADE HIM
POP HIS
CORK!

BUNHA
M!

TOO LATE!
HE FIRED!

RELAX, YOU
JOKERS! IT
WUZ JUST A
SOUND
GUN! CAN'T
HURT A
FLY!

C'MON...TAKE A SQUINT AT THEM
PICTURES IT CREATED ON THAT
SONAR SCREEN!

TAKE A GOOD
LOOK...YER
GONNA SPEND
DAYS STUDYIN'
THOSE THINGS!

WHA--WHAT
ARE THEY,
SIR?

I THOUGHT Y'A'D
NEVER ASK!

THEY'RE THE
KINDA
SOUND
IMAGES
THAT THE
BLASTED
OVERKILL
HORN
WOULD
MAKE IF.
IT WUZ IN
OPERATION!

YA CAN ALWAYS RECOGNIZE THE
PATTERN BY THAT BIG HUMP
THERE IN THE MIDDLE.

I'M ASSIGNIN'
YA TO KEEP
A ROUND-THE-
CLOCK LOOKOUT
FOR ANYTHING
LIKE THAT FROM
THE SEA!

IF THE OVERKILL HORN
EVER SOUNDS...IT'LL BE
SIGNALLIN' THE END OF
OUR FREEDOM...

...AND I AINT JUST,
A'WHISTLIN' DIXIE!

IT'S UP TO SHIELD TO
KEEP A DEATH WATCH...
ON EVERY OCEAN...
ACROSS EVERY CONTI-
NENT...UNTIL WE FIND
THAT HORN...AND
DESTROY IT!

BEGGING
YOUR PARDON,
COLONEL...
BUT, HOW DO
WE KNOW IT
REALLY
EXISTS?

WE GOT WAYS
OF FINDIN'
OUT, MISTER!
I WISH I WUZ
WRONG...BUT,
YOU BETTER
BELIEVE IT!!
IT EXISTS!

WHERE IN
GOL-DANGED
Tarnation IS
NICK FURY ??

I BEEN LOOKIN' HIGH
N' LOW FOR THAT
ORNERY, MULE-
HEADED...

WHULLP!

DUGAN!

YOU CHICKEN-SCRATCHIN',
CATTERWALLIN', DERBY-
WEARIN' DEADHEAD!!!

COLONEL!
REMEMBER
YOUR
TEMPER!

THONK!

SHADUP,
SITWELL! WHAT
THE BLAZES DO YA
THINK YER DOIN',
DUM DUM?

I WUZ JUST COMIN' TO FETCH YA, NICK! SENATOR
DUDLEY'S HERE TO SEE YA, AND HE BRUNG SOME-
THIN' ALONG WITH 'IM!

NOW AIN'T THAT NICE?

MEBBE WE SHOULDA BAKED 'IM A
CAKE!

IF YOU'D
LIKE A
CAKE,
SIR,
THERE'S A
BAKERY
NOT FAR
FROM
HERE!

I SAID
SHADUP,
SITWELL!

WHAT DID
DUDLEY
BRING,
DUM DUM?

Y'ALL SEE, COLONEL!
HE'S RIGHT IN THE NEXT
ROOM!

THERE IS
SENATOR
DUDLEY
NOW, COLO-
NEL!

ZAT SO, JASPER?
I THOUGHT IT WUZ
LITTLE RED RIDIN'
HOOD!

WHATCHA GOT THERE,
SENATOR? SOME NEW
KINDA COFFEE
PERCOLATOR?

NOT EXACTLY,
COLONEL!
THIS IS A
NEW TYPE
OF CAMERA
PROJECTOR!

MEBBE IF WE'RE
LUCKY WELL GIT TO
SEE THE MAN FROM
UNCLE!

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT MAN,
COLONEL FURY?

YEAH! HE'S THE GUY
I ASKED THE C.I.A.
TO DIG UP SOME
INFO ON!

SO THEY DIDN'T
FORGET ME
AFTER ALL!

ALLOW ME TO
INTRODUCE
MYSELF,
SEÑOR FURY...

I AM DON
CABALLERO...
AND THIS IS ONE
OF MY MANY
SOUTH AMERICAN
ESTATES!

SINCE I AM POSSIBLY THE RICHEST
MAN SOUTH OF THE BORDER, I
BELIEVE IN LIVING IN THE GRAND
MANNER... AS YOU CAN SEE!

PERHAPS YOU HAVE
HEARD OF MY FAMOUS
FLYING FIESTAS? MY
PRIVATE JET PLANE
IS LIKE A COUNTRY
CLUB ON WINGS!

SINCE I BELIEVE IN ENJOYING MY GREAT
WEALTH, I FLY A GROUP OF FRIENDS TO
DIFFERENT SPOTS AROUND THE GLOBE
EACH MONTH, AS MY PERSONAL
GUESTS!

NO DOUBT YOU
HAVE HEARD OF
MY REPUTATION AS
THE GREATEST PARTY-
GIVER OF THE
CENTURY...

--AND
LEADER OF
THE SO-
CALLED
JET-SET!

THIS IS A SCENE FROM ONE OF
MY GREATEST PARTIES...
HELPED IN A SPECIALLY-BUILT
IGLOO, ON A GIGANTIC FLOATING
ICEBERG!

ANOTHER OF MY MOST SUCCESSFUL
GALAS WAS HELD IN THE HEART OF
THE JUNGLE, WHERE MY GUESTS
WERE TRANSPORTED, VIA NYLON
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HIDDEN LODGE ON THE
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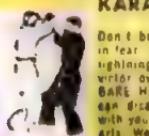
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THE MOST LAVISH
PARTY OF ALL!

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AMONG THE ANCIENT
RUINS OF THE DEAD
CITY OF KARNOPOLIS!

HAVING READ OF YOUR
FABLED EXPLOITS IN OUR
DAILY PAPERS, I AM
NATURALLY ONE OF YOUR
GREATEST ADMIRERS,
COLONEL FURY!

THEREFORE, I BEG YOU TO
DO ME THE GREAT HONOR OF
CONSENTING TO BE MY
GUEST AT THIS PARTY...
FOR YOU YOURSELF
SHALL BE MY GUEST
OF HONOR!



WITH THOSE WORDS, THE PROJECTOR COMES TO A
HALT AS THE SCREEN GOES BLANK...

HOW LITTLE HE KNOWS OF COLONEL FURY TO THINK
THAT THE DIRECTOR OF SHIELD WOULD CONSENT TO
SUCH A WEEKEND BACCHANAL!

PIPE DOWN,
SITWELL!

PERSONALLY,
I THINK IT'S A
REAL GREAT
IDEA!

EXCELLENT,
COLONEL! IT TOOK
WEEKS OF PLANNING
FOR OUR OPERATIVES
TO PUT THE IDEA IN
DON CABALLERO'S
MIND!

AND, THE
TIMING IS
PERFECT...
FOR YOU CAN
CERTAINLY USE
A LITTLE
VACATION
RIGHT NOW!

COLONEL! Y-YOU MEAN YOU'RE ACCEPTING THE
INVITATION?

SURE
I AM!! WADDAYA
THINK, I'M SOME
KINDA NUT?

GLAD TO BE OF SERVICE,
COLONEL!

MUCH OBLIGED,
SENATOR!

GOOD
LUCK
TO YOU!

YOU HAD BETTER
EXPLAIN TO YOUR
MEN, FURY...

FOR, THIS
WILL BE
SOME-
WHAT
MORE THAN
JUST A
PLEASURE
TRIP!

BUT NOW, LET'S PAY A VISIT TO KARNOPOLIS BEFORE
NICK FURY GETS THERE, WHERE WE FIND AN EARLY
GUEST DOING SOME UNGUESTLIKE SNOOPING...

PERHAPS I'LL FIND WHAT
I'M SEEKING IN THE RUINS
OF THIS ANCIENT TEMPLE...

I WANT TO BE
SURE THIS WON'T
BE JUST A WILD-
GOOSE CHASE
FOR COLONEL
FURY!

THERE...
ON THE FLOOR
AHEAD...WHAT'S
THAT?

I'VE FOUND IT!

"CUT OFF A
LIMB, AND TWO
MORE SHALL
TAKE ITS
PLACE!"

WE WERE
RIGHT...

HYDRA
STILL
LIVES!

BEHIND ME
SOMETHING
MOVED...

THE STATUES!!
THEY'RE NOT!
DEAD PHARAOHS...

THEY'RE GUARDS!!
GIANT ROBOT
GUARDS!

KRAK!

MY BULLETS
CAN'T STOP
IT!!



AN ALARM
SOUNDED!
WHAT--?

AH! AN
INTRUDER!



I SUSPECTED
THAT HE WAS AN
AGENT OF SHIELD
ALL THE TIME!

LITTLE DID HE DREAM THAT I
WOULD HAVE INVITED COLONEL
FURY ANYWAY!

SINCE IT WAS HE WHO
DEFEATED HYDRA IN THE
PAST, IT IS ONLY
FITTING THAT HE
BE HERE TO WIT-
NESS THE GREAT-
EST VICTORY OF
THE NEW HYDRA
REBORN!



PUT THAT BLUNDERER IN
THE BRAIN-WASHING UNIT!

WHEN HE REGAINS
CONSCIOUSNESS, HE
SHALL REMEMBER
NOTHING OF WHAT
HAS HAPPENED!

HAIL HYDRA!

WE SERVE NONE
BUT THE MASTER...
AS THE WORLD SHALL
SOON SERVE US!

HAIL
HYDRA!



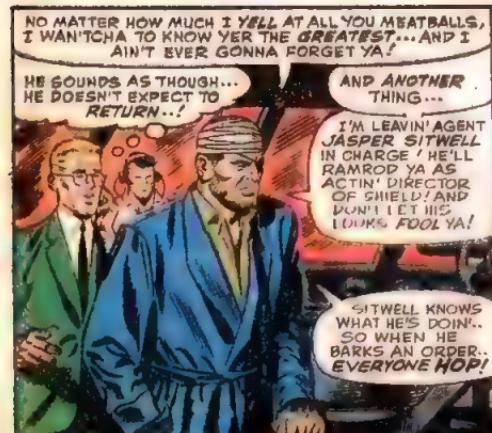
AND NOW TO REJOIN MY GUESTS!

POOR FURY... SEARCHING SO DESPERATELY FOR THOSE WHO POSSESS THE OVERKILL HORN!

LITTLE DREAMING THAT HIS HOPELESS QUEST IS ALREADY... TOO LATE!

FOR, SO LONG AS DON CABALLERO IS THE SECRET SUPREME HYDRA, NONE SHALL EVER GET THE WEAPON FROM US!

AND, SO LONG AS HYDRA HOLDS THE OVERKILL HORN, THE WORLD IS DESTINED TO BE OURS... AT THE PRECISE MOMENT AND SECOND OF OUR OWN CHOOSING!



BUT, THERE'S STILL ONE THING THAT PUZZLES ME, SIR!

NOTHIN' MUCH! JUST MEBBE BEIN' HEAD OF THE MOST DANGEROUS OUT-FIT ON EARTH... AND OWNIN' A WEAPON WHICH CAN GIVE 'IM CONTROL OF THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE...

YOU SEEM SO ANXIOUS TO VISIT DON CABALLERO! WHAT IS IT YOU SUSPECT HIM OF?

THEN.. YOU THINK HYDRA IS REBORN... AND HE IS THE HEAD OF IT?

HOW'DJA EVER GUESS?!!

BUT SUDDENLY, WITHOUT ANY WARNING ...

THAT WHINE!! GETTING LOUDER... AND LOUDER...!!

TAKE COVER.. ALL OF YA!!

I SAID, DUCK!! HIT THE DECK! EVERY SECOND COUNTS!!



YET, AS QUICKLY AS IT HAD COME.. THE PHENOMENON IS OVER...

COLONEL... WHAT DOES IT MEAN? WHO CAUSED THE BOOM?

FIGGER IT OUT, KID! IT WUZN'T US...!

THAT MEANS SOMEONE DOES HAVE AN OVERKILL HORN... AND, WHO-EVER IT IS.. HE WUZ JUST TESTIN' IT!

THAT MEANS... THERE'S LESS TIME LEFT TO US THAN I THOUGHT...

AND I'M GAMBLIN' EVERY SECOND OF WHAT REMAINS THAT WITH SENOR DON CABALLERO!

... WHEN I MEET UP WITH SENOR



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ITEM: Instead of talking about US for a change, we wanna talk about YOU! That's right — YOU, the merry, madcap Marvelite who's holding our mag and reading this page right now. We figure this is as good a time as any to tell you how proud of you we are. Proud of the way you supported us when we first started the Marvel Age of Comics, and the way your support has never faltered thru all the growing pains we've experienced together. Proud of the way you've reacted good-naturedly to our "no-prize" idea — the revolutionary new concept in which we proclaimed that we never wanted any of our treasured readers to lose a contest — consequently, we would award nothing but "no-prizes", because if there were no winners, then there couldn't be any losers. Proud of the way you never made it necessary for us to bribe you in order to win your support — we never had to talk down to you — never had to compromise our principles, or yours — never had to try to alibi ourselves out of the many bone-head mistakes we've made over the years. Yep, to sum it up — we're reminded of Shelley Berman's great exit line to his audiences — "If my show was good, YOU'RE responsible!" We feel the same way. If our mags are good, it's because of YOU! And we just wanted you to know how we feel, and to repeat our credo — "We'll never sell you short, frantic one — 'cause we're nothing without you!"

ITEM: Our two latest and greatest 25¢ Special issues are on sale right now! Namely, the fabulous FANTASTIC FOUR SPECIAL and the long-awaited SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL. The frolickin' F.F.ish features a battle between Johnny Storm, our handsome, hot-headed Human Torch, and the most spectacular character of the Golden Age of Comics — the gone-but-not-forgotten ORIGINAL Human Torch! And, as usual in all Marvel mags, the tale is neither imaginary, nor a dream sequence — it really happens! How? Well, there's one good way to find out, tiger! Then, as if that isn't enough, that same super-special block-busting issue features the most requested reprint in F.F. history — the now-classic battle between the ever-lovin' Thing and the green-skinned, ungarrulous Hulk! As for the SPIDEY SPECIAL, we tossed in everything but the kitchen sink to make sure it would be the sensation of the century! The feature tale deals with your friendly neighborhood web-slinger first battling, and then attempting to join, the mighty Avengers! And, we mean the ORIGINAL Avengers, pal! Then, as if that isn't enough, we even tossed in a thrill-a-minute battle between Spidey and — who, HIM again? — the Incredible Hulk! For our robust reprint section of the mag, we're running two of the most popular Spidey vs. Doc Ock yarns — with not a comma cut! And, if that doesn't send you racing out to your newsstand in a fit of foraging frenzy, then we'll eat our MMMS membership cards!

ITEM: Don't miss STRANGE TALES #150, whatever you do! We've specially redesigned the masthead to give Dr. Strange equal billing with Nick Fury, and we think it's one of the wingiest-looking titles around. If you like it, toss a bouquet at

Jolly Solly Brodsky. If not, we're sorry we mentioned the whole thing!

ITEM: For those of you who've been demanding that Dazzlin' Don Heck ink his own pencilings, here's good news — starting with AVENGERS #32, ol' Donnie will do both the pencilings and inking on the mighty ones — and, for those of you who remember his breath-taking style from the good old days (like last week), we need say no more!

ITEM: Have you noticed how magnificently Gene Colan took over Johnny Romita's penciling chores on the DAREDEVIL mag to give of Ring-A-Ding more time to lift Spidey to still greater heights of artistic glory? Both Jazzy Johnny and Gentleman Gene have become two of the fastest-rising stars in Marvel's firmament — and when you add them to such other greats as Jack "King" Kirby, Dashin' Don Heck, Wondrous Werner Roth, Darlin' Dick Ayers, Wild Bill Everett, and the dozens of other long-time Marvel luminaries, it's no wonder that Smilin' Stan sports that toothy grin of his all over the place!

THE WRAP-UP: It won't be long before our swingin' super-heroes make their star-studded debut on TV, appearing five nights a week — that's right, five — count 'em — five nights a week, for a half-hour each night! So, you've just got time to make sure your set's in good working order — check your local paper for time and station — and prepare to have a ball! Till we meet again, stay healthy — stay happy -- and stay away from Irving Forbush — we found 'im first! See ya, pussycat!



STOP THE PRESSES!! Hold everything! This is too good to miss! Y'know how we're always telling you that Marvel's taking over the world? Well, we just established a new, block-bustin' beachhead! One of America's top quality mags, none other than erudit, ever-lovin' ESQUIRE, is giving mighty Marvel the biggest play you've ever seen in its great new September issue, specially dedicated to the college crowd! So, if you wanna see our sizzlin' superheroes featured in full color in one of the most memorable, off-beat presentations yet, don't miss the sensational collegiate issue of ESQUIRE — on sale the middle of August! (And, if they don't return this frolicsome free plug in their own mag, we'll probably never talk to 'em again!)

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SPIDER-MAN #42: You guessed it! Those mysterious spores on Jonah Jameson's son turn him into — well, you'll see for yourself! And you'll also see Mary Jane Watson at Jong last!

AVENGERS #33: Possibly the most thoroughly satisfying sequel you've ever read, as the mighty Avengers stamp out the sinister Serpents with no holds barred!

X-MEN #25: Our scene shifts to Latin America for one of the most daringly different, dastardly arch-villains ever to challenge our seemingly-doomed mutant heroes!

DAREDEVIL #21: Trapped on a hidden isle — surrounded by a small army of killers, led by the uncanny Owl — the Man Without Fear must win his most impossible trial — or die in the attempt!

THOR #133: The God of Thunder finally enters the Black Galaxy, to unlock one of the greatest secrets in the universe — only to meet a still greater danger!

STRANGE TALES #150: Hydras live again! A new female menace for Dr. Strange! And a modern, changed masthead for the covert. The things we do for you!

ASTONISH #85: Death claims an unexpected victim with the Sub-Mariner trapped in the city — while the Hulk appears in both strips at the same time. A sensation!

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THEY ARE GONE-- VANISHED! IF I DO NOT FIND AND DESTROY THEM QUICKLY, THEY MAY PREPARE A COUNTERATTACK WHICH COULD MEAN MY ULTIMATE DOWNFALL!

BUT--NO! IT CANNOT, IT SHALL NOT BE! MY THIRST FOR VENGEANCE HAS GONE UNSLAKED FOR FIVE CENTURIES-- IT WILL BE DENIED NO LONGER!

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"AND MAY THE DREADFUL DEMONS OF DANAK RENT THE DUPLEX NEXT DOOR IF YOU MISSED OUR DRAMATIC DUEL LAST ISH!!
--SPELL-HAPPY STAN."

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THEN, IN THE GRIP OF A MONUMENTAL FRENZY,
THE THWARTED WIZARD STORMS THRU THE
GREENWICH VILLAGE SANCTUM SANCTORUM
OF DR. STRANGE...

THE FOOLS
MAY HAVE
ESCAPED
PHYSICALLY--
BUT I CAN
FEEL THEY
ARE STILL IN
SPIRITUAL
CONTACT
WITH THIS
VERY ROOM!

BUT, HOW CAN THEY BE?
IF I CAN FATHOM THAT, I
SHALL KNOW HOW TO
DESTROY THEM!

AND SUDDENLY AS IF WARNED BY SOME INEX-
PLICABLE PSYCHIC SENSE, KALUU WHIRLS...

THOSE BRIGHTLY-GLOWING
CANDLES! I DO NOT RECALL
THEIR BEING LIGHTED WHEN
FIRST I ENTERED THIS
CHAMBER?

COULD IT BE
THAT THEY ARE,
IN SOME WAY,
LINKED TO
THE ANCIENT
ONE AND HIS
ACCURSED
PROTÉGÉ?

OF COURSE! THAT IS THE ANSWER I
HAVE BEEN SEEKING!

FOR, IT IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK
OF THE VISHANTI THAT A BURNING
CANDLE MAY LIGHT A SKILLED
SORCERER'S WAY... INTO THE PAST!*

IF THAT BE SO, THEN MY TWO VANISHED
FOES ARE DOOMED! I HAVE BUT TO
EXTINGUISH THESE FLIMSY CANDLES....

WHAT? THEY
RESIST MY
EFFORTS TO
BLOW THEM
OUT!

*PERSONALLY, WE LEARNED
IT WHILE PAGING
PERFUNCTORILY THRU
STRANGE TALES #24
--ARCHIVIST STAN.

THEN, BY THE VENOMOUS VIPERS
OF VALDORR, I SHALL STRIKE THEM
OUT WITH MY OWN HAND!

BUT-- AGAIN I FAIL!
SOME UNSEEN MYSTIC
BARRIER SHIELDS THEM
FROM MY PHYSICAL
ATTACK!

MY TASK, THEN, IS A SIMPLE ONE! EVEN
THE ANCIENT ONE'S MAGIC SHIELD WILL
NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO RESIST A SPELL
WHICH I LEARNED DURING MY LONG
EXILE IN THE DIMENSION OF RASSGORR!

THAT IS THE FINAL PROOF!
IT IS THE CANDLES--AND
THEY ALONE-- WHICH
FORM MY ENEMIES' SOLE
LINK WITH EXISTENCE!

AND, WHEN THE SHIELD
FALLS-- THE CANDLES
DIM-- THEN THE ANCIENT
ONE AND DR. STRANGE
SHALL EXIST... NO MORE!

MEANWHILE, EVEN AS THE CONFIDENT KALUU PREPARES TO HURL HIS POTENT SPELL, TWO FUGITIVE FORMS DRIFT THRU THE VOID BETWEEN PRESENT AND PAST...

BY PLUNGING INTO THE CURRENTS OF TIME, WE HAVE TEMPORARILY ELUDED OUR FOE! BUT SOON HE MAY DISCOVER OUR STRATEGEM!

THEN, OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO RECOVER THE SACRED BOOK OF THE VISHANTI, STOLEN FROM US BY YOUR ETERNAL FOE!

TRUE, DISCIPLE! AND, AS THE SUPREME IRON, IT IS KALUU HIMSELF WHO MAY HAVE GIVEN US OUR CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL!

FOR, IF HE HAD KEPT THE SACRED TOME, WHICH CONTAINS ALL SPELLS OF DEFENSIVE MAGIC, OUR CAUSE WOULD BE HOPELESS!

INSTEAD, MY PSYCHIC INSIGHT TELLS ME THAT HE HURLED IT BACK IN TIME--TO THE DAY AND PLACE OF ITS ORIGIN! KNOWING THIS, WE MAY YET DEFEAT HIM!

YES--FOR, NOT EVEN KALUU KNOWS THE MIGHTIEST USE OF THE BOOK OF THE VISHANTI!

BUT, ENOUGH OF THAT FOR NOW! WE APPROACH THE TIME-SPACE CONTINUUM OF ANCIENT BABYLONIA-- IT IS THERE THAT THE BOOK WHICH WE SEEK WAS CREATED, MILLENNIUMS AGO

AND, IT IS THERE THAT WE SHALL FIND IT NOW!

THE ANCIENT ONE IS COURAGE INCARNATE! STILL, I KNOW HE IS WEAK FROM OUR BATTLE WITH KALUU, WHICH BROUGHT HIM TO THE BRINK OF DEATH...

AND, IF HE SHOULD... THEN NOTHING COULD HALT KALUU! BUT-- WAIT!

MASTER! THERE, ON THAT CRAGGY CLIFF, IS THE BOOK OF THE VISHANTI-- AND BEHOLD-- LOOK WHO GUARDS IT!

IT IS THE SACRED GRIFFIN--THE BEAST APPOINTED BY THE PRIESTS OF THE BABYLONIAN GOD MAROUK TO STAND ETERNAL VIGIL OVER THE MYSTIC TEXT!

IT HAS EVER BEEN WRITTEN IN WORDS OF FLAME THAT HE WHO DEFEATS THAT FEARSOME SENTINEL ...IS THE DESTINED POSSESSOR OF THE BOOK!

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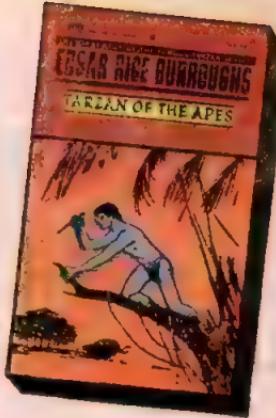
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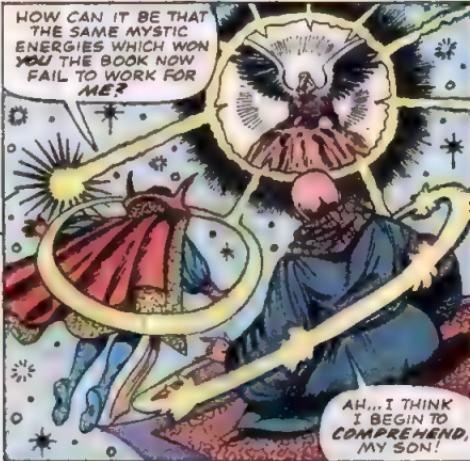
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YES, FAITHFUL ONE! I
BANISHED IT TO A PLACE
BEYOND TIME--JUST
AS I DID MANY
YEARS AGO!

AND, WITH THE DREAD
GUARDIAN THUS
DEFEATED, THE WAY
LIES OPEN TO THE
OMNIPOTENT BOOK
OF THE VISHANTI!



SUDDENLY, AS THE ANCIENT ONE AND HIS DARING
DISCIPLE APPROACH THE CENTER OF THE GLEAMING ORB,
THEY BEHOLD...

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SHAKE HIM, OR
ENDURE THE
WORST!"

IT SHALL BE AS YOU HAVE
COMMANDED, VENERATED ONE!
BUT, WHAT OF YOURSELF?
ARE YOU STRONG ENOUGH TO TRAVEL
THE DIMENSIONAL CORRIDORS?

THE MERE PRESENCE
OF THE CONSECRATED
VOLUME OF THE
VISHANTI HAS
HEARTENED ME,
HONORED DISCIPLE!
BUT, IT IS BEST
THAT YOU RESOLVE
THE STRUGGLE WITH
KALUU WITHOUT
ME!

FOR, ONE DAY,
YOU WILL FACE
THE MYSTIC
HORDES OF
EVIL ALONE
...AND FOR THAT
TIME YOU MUST
EVER PREPARE!

THEN, AS A GLOWING GLOBE OF ENCHANTED LIGHT
GROWS EVER LARGER, THE TWO SORCERERS PLUMMET
INTO IT...

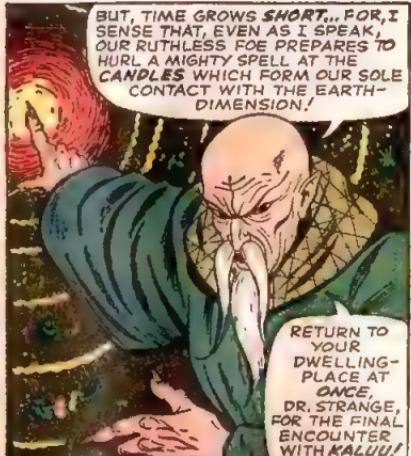
MASTER, WHAT IF THE
EVIL KALUU HAS SOME-
HOW LEARNED THE ONE
MOST GUARDED SECRET
OF THE SACRED BOOK?



THAT CANNOT BE,
DISCIPLE, FOR IT IS
THE SOLE MAGICAL
DEFENSE NOT
WRITTEN ON ITS
HALLOWED PAGES!

EVEN I LEARNED
OF IT ONLY BY
CHANCE, AFTER
COUNTLESS
YEARS OF PORING
OVER THE TEXT!

BUT, TIME GROWS SHORT... FOR I
SENSE THAT, EVEN AS I SPEAK,
OUR RUTHLESS FOE PREPARES TO
HURL A MIGHTY SPELL AT THE
CANDLES WHICH FORM OUR SOLE
CONTACT WITH THE EARTH-
DIMENSION!



RETURN TO
YOUR
DWELLING
PLACE AT
ONCE,
DR. STRANGE,
FOR THE FINAL
ENCOUNTER
WITH KALUU!

AND NOW, I RETURN TO MY
SANCTUM IN TIBET, THERE
TO WAIT IN SILENT, WATCHFUL
CONTEMPLATION FOR THE
OUTCOME OF THE
APPROACHING BATTLE!

I SHALL DO MY BEST
TO BE WORTHY OF
YOUR TRUST, SIRE!

KALUU MUST BE HALTED...
BEFORE HE BENDS THE
ENTIRE WORLD, EVEN
THE UNIVERSE ITSELF,
TO HIS CORRUPT WILL!



THE DECISION TO RETURN TO THE PRESENT IS MADE NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON...FOR, AT THAT SELFSAME INSTANT, IN THE TWENTIETH-CENTURY DOMICILE OF DR. STRANGE...

AND NOW, MY MYSTIC BOLT SHALL SNUFF OUT THE LIVES OF THOSE ACCURSED CANDLES... AND OF MY ELUSIVE FOES, AS WELL!

IN THE NAME OF SATANISH THE SUPREME, I COMMAND YON FLICKERING FLAMES...TO DIE!

BUT INSTEAD, TO KALUU'S AMAZEMENT...

THE CANDLES ARE NOT EXTINGUISHED!

INDEED, ONE FLARES UP... AS IF TO ENGULF THIS VERY CHAMBER! WHAT SORCERY IS THIS?

THE NEXT SECOND, AMIDST CASCADING TONGUES OF CRIMSON FIRE, A FIGURE OF REGAL BEARING SUDDENLY APPEARS...

THE POWERS WHICH YOU LEARNED DURING YOUR YEARS OF EXILE HAVE MADE YOU OVER-BOLO, KALUU...TO SEEK TO QUENCH THE UNFALTERING FLAMES OF THE FALTING!

DR. STRANGE! YOU DARE TO RETURN?

THE NEED FOR FLIGHT IS PAST, BRAZEN ONE! NOW MUST BE THE TIME OF THE FINAL RECKONING!. PREPARE FOR BATTLE!

HE HOLDS THE SACRED BOOK OF THE VISHANTI! I WAS A FOOL NOT TO REALIZE THAT IT WAS THE OBJECT OF THEIR QUEST IN TIME!

BUT, HAVING FATHOMED ALL THE SECRETS WRITTEN IN ITS HALLOWED PAGES, I CAN HURL A SPELL FOR WHICH EVEN THEY REVEAL NO DEFENSE!

YOU HAVE RETURNED TO MEET YOUR DOOM, DR. STRANGE!

AND, AFTER YOU FALL, I SHALL SEEK OUT THE ANCIENT ONE-- TO FULFILL MY REVENGE!

THEN, EVEN AS HIS DEMONIAC ADVERSARY CASTS HIS MIGHTIEST SPELL, THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS SHIELDS HIMSELF WITH THE SACRED TOME HE HAS RETRIEVED FROM THE SHAPES OF TIME...

MAY THE OMNIPOTENT OSANTUR PROTECT ME, IF WHAT THE ANCIENT ONE TOLD ME OF THIS VOLUME WAS IN ERROR!

FOR, EVEN THOUGH IT HAS NOT YET STRUCK, I CAN FEEL THE SENSES-STAGGERING FORCE OF HIS EVIL SORCERY!

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ONE WHO HALTED HIS MAD QUEST FOR
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NOW, HE IS HELPLESS--
ENSNARED BY A SPELL
WHICH NO MAN LIVING
CAN DISPEL! HE IS
COMPLETELY AT MY
MERCY!

AND YET, IT IS
NOT FOR ME TO
SAY WHAT IS TO
BE DONE WITH
HIS TRANSFIGURED,
UNMOVING
FORM .

FOR, THE ANCIENT ONE IS HE WHO
FIRST OPPOSED KALUU... AND TO
HIM MUST BELONG THE FRUITS OF
MY VICTORY!

MAY THE SHADeS OF THE
SERAPHIM CARRY MY THOUGHTS
TO MY ALL-SEEING MASTER
THAT HE MAY PRONOUNCE
THE FINAL SENTENCE UPON
KALUU!

ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY, IN A SOMBRE
SANCTUARY IN THE HEART OF THE TIBETAN
HIMALAYAS, THE SORCERER'S CALL IS
ANSWERED...

YOU HAVE DONE WELL,
MY SON! TRULY, MY LONG HOURS OF
TEACHING HAVE NOT BEEN IN VAIN!

YOU HAVE SAVED BOTH OURSELVES...
AND THE WORLD... FROM THE TENTACLES
OF ONE MAN'S INSATIABLE AMBITION!

NOW...
TO DEAL
WITH
KALUU!

AND, THE NEXT SECOND, A BEAM OF TRANSCENDENT
LIGHT CIRCLES THE GLOBE... PASSING BETWEEN THE
STARK MOUNTAINS OF ASIA AND THE GLEAMING
TOWERS OF NEW YORK IN THE SPACE OF A SINGLE
HEARTBEAT...



...HURLING THE IMMOBILE BODY AND
SPIRIT OF THE CONQUERED WIZARD
INTO THE DEPTHS OF LIMBO--TILL
THE END OF TIME..."

IT IS DONE! WITH
THE BANISHMENT
OF KALUU AN
UNSUPECTING
WORLD MAY ONCE
AGAIN BREATHE
MORE FREELY!

*OR AT LEAST
TILL WE DECIDE
WHAT TO DO
WITH HIM!
--SNEAKY STAN.

YET, EVEN AS THE ANCIENT ONE SPEAKS THESE RINGING WORDS
...IN THE DARK DIMENSION ONCE RULED BY THE DREAD
DORMAMMU, AN ENTIRE COSMOS TREMBLES BEFORE AN
UNREASONING, IRRESISTIBLE FURY, AS THE FEARFUL CRY IS
HEARD--

WHILE, IN THAT SAME PLANE OF TIMELESS
SPACE, THE BEAUTEOUS **CLEA** PERCEIVES
THE REASON FOR THEIR FIERCE ASSAULT...

SINCE THE DESTRUCTION OF **DORMAMMU**,
THERE EXISTS NO ONE WHO CAN RESTRAIN
THE AWESOME
POWER OF
THE MINDLESS
ONES!



"THE
MINDLESS
ONES
ARE
ATTACKING!"

THEY HAVE BROKEN THRU
HIS INVISIBLE BARRIER...AND
NOW OUR ENTIRE UNIVERSE
LIES OPEN TO THEM!

*HE WENT OUT WITH A BANG IN
ISH #146, REMEMBER?--S.

MY SOLE HOPE IS
TO CONTACT THE
GREAT SORCERER,
DR. STRANGE--
HE WHOSE IMAGE
IS EVER IN MY
HEART!

PERHAPS HE WILL
BE ABLE TO HALT
THEIR SENSELESS
RAMPAGE!

BY THE WONDROUS
WAND OF WATOOMB...
SOME GREAT PSYCHIC
FORCE KEEPS HIS
IMAGE NEBULOUS...
UNCLEAR. WHAT
CAN IT BE?

AND, AS THE SILVER-HAIRED GIRL TRIES IN VAIN TO
CONTACT HIM WHOSE LIFE SHE ONCE SAVED, THE
MINDLESS ONES--FREE AT LAST FROM THEIR IM-
PRISONMENT BY THE VANQUISHED **DORMAMMU**--
CONTINUE THEIR AIMLESS, YET IRRESISTIBLE ONSLAUGHT...



THEN, IN THE VERY MIDST OF THE TEEMING TEMPESTUOUS HORDES, THE ATMOSPHERE ITSELF SEEMS SUDDENLY TO THROB WITH PULSATING LIGHT...



AND, WITH GRIM, UNCOMPREHENDING RELUCTANCE, THE MINDLESS ONES RECOIL... THEN BLINK SULLENLY BACK THRU THE INVISIBLE BARRIER ERECTED EONS BEFORE...



THE NEXT INSTANT, THERE MATERIALIZES THE FORM OF A RAVEN-TRESSED FEMALE--ONE RADIANT WITH THE BEAUTY OF YOUTH, YET EMITTING AN AURA OF EVIL WHICH IS AGELESS...



IN TIME PAST, MY
BROTHER FEARED
MY POWER... AND
THEREFORE
TRICKED AND
IMPRISONED ME
IN THE VOID
BETWEEN THE
WORLDS!

BUT, NOW HE IS GONE... AND
I AM FREE! AND SOON, THE
INFAMOUS DEEDS OF THE
DREAD DORMAMMU SHALL
PALL BESIDE THOSE OF...
UMAR THE UNRELENTING!



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STRANGE MAIls

Dear Stan,

I am writing this letter to praise STRANGE TALES #147 and Bill Everett's mighty artwork. Bill's artwork on the Hulk is good and I hope he continues on it. His artwork on Dr. Strange is the peak of perfection. His drawings are equal to the former artwork. I say he should continue to do this strip. Concerning Nick Fury's latest adventure—"The Enemy Within" was good, as usual. I also have a theory on THEM, I think that THEM is really composed of members of Hydra who are starting all over. Hope I didn't bore you! —Donnie Butler, 2306 4th Ave. Charleston, W. Va. 25312

Donny, we never get bored reading about our own mags! It's like trying to bore an actor by talking about the performance he gave—it can't be done! Anyway, as you know by now, that was a pretty shrewd guess you made about THEM—a guess shared by quite a few hundred other frantic Marvelites! The only one who's still confused about it all is Jolly Solly Brodsky! He still thinks THEM is the sequel to H. Rider Haggard's She!

Dear Stan,

Recently I saw the CBS special, "UFO: Friend, Foe, or Fantasy?" On part of it they showed an assortment of fantasy books and magazines. What caught my attention was seeing, to my delight, the bottom part of STRANGE TALES #146. I knew it by the reddish-orange cover (I have a color TV) and by parts of Dr. Strange's body and costume. How did you manage to get it on the show? And, do I get a no-prize?

Larry Johnson, 5425 Plainfield Rd.
Dayton, Ohio 45432

Sorry, Larry—the only no-prize we have left this month is a big, expensive color TV! But, since you already have one—*c'est la guerre!* We weren't responsible for getting our eavorton' cover on the show, pal—in fact, the first we heard about it was when we received your letter. But, needless to say, we're pleased as punch. (Seymour Punch, our brother-in-law!) Good ol' CBS—it's nice to know they're in there pitchin' with mighty Marvel, eh?

Dear Stan,

Friday the 13th being one of my better days, I took my weekly walk to the News Agency to see if my favorite literature had come in yet. There they were—with beautiful light streaming from their Marvel-ous covers. I'd like to mention to a fan whose letter was printed in STRANGE TALES #147 a few facts. There is such a thing as black magic as opposed to white magic. Black magic is used to cause harm and is evil. White magic is used for good. A white-magic magician must always be stronger than a black-magic magician because black magic inevitably destroys its user. Powers which are granted to any human being (including levitation) are nothing to take pride in.

Such a wonderful gift should be accepted in all humility and used to aid mankind. I feel certain that Dr. Strange's master would counsel this fan to think a little less about "I" and a little more about "we". The rising interest in psychic phenomena and the proper use of psychic gifts are both expressed admirably in Dr. Strange. Hope this gives you a good argument to use whenever you need it. I love all your books—all, that is, that I can afford each month. And naturally, make mine Marvell!

Lise Bredbenner, Penn State U.
Mifflinville, Pa.

Naturally, Lise! Maybe we read your letter too quickly, but we got the feeling that you consider a practitioner of black magic to be a bad guy! Hope it isn't so, because we've been thinking of Doc Strange as one of our full-time good guys! After all, if the baddies practice black magic, then the goodies oughtta be masters of black magic in order to beat the nasties! Howzat for compounding the confusion?

Dear Stan,

Boy, when congratulations are being handed out, take three dozen of them for STRANGE TALES #146. Nick Fury was never Nick-ier, Dum Dum was never Dum-er, Sitwell sat well with the plot, and Sammy was never Sammy-er. As for little ol' Sitwell, it's about time that you stopped him from being a smarty-pants and from acting like he knows more than ol' Nick, but don't make him too dumb. How about some different types of androids, like some flying androids to attack Shield's heli-carrier? Keep Hazardous Heckie as your permanent pencil-pusher. As for Count what's-his-name, 'nuff said!

Carl Gafford, 909 Bridgeport Ave.
Shelton, Conn. 06484

Hazardous Heckie (if that moniker ever catches on, he'll clobber us both!) is up to his eyeballs in the AVENGERS right now, Carl—but never fear—one of these days we'll get a permanent penciller for ol' Nick, even if we haveta teach Honest Irving himself how to draw!

NEXT ISH: Yep, Hydra's back and Fury's got it! Just wait'll the most deadly organization of evil the world has ever known starts steam-rolling over Shield! Needless to say, you may just find a surprise or two awaiting you upon our pulsating pages! As for Dr. Strange, you've been writing that it's high time he encountered a female menace, and just to prove we read your letters, you're in for a real tintinnabulating treat as you thrill to the macabre machinations of our newest perilous pussycat! So, till we meet again, don't drag your tail, tiger, and face front! Those Hydra hoods are everywhere!

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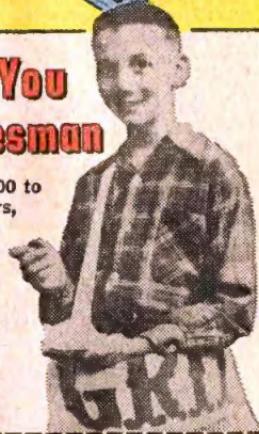
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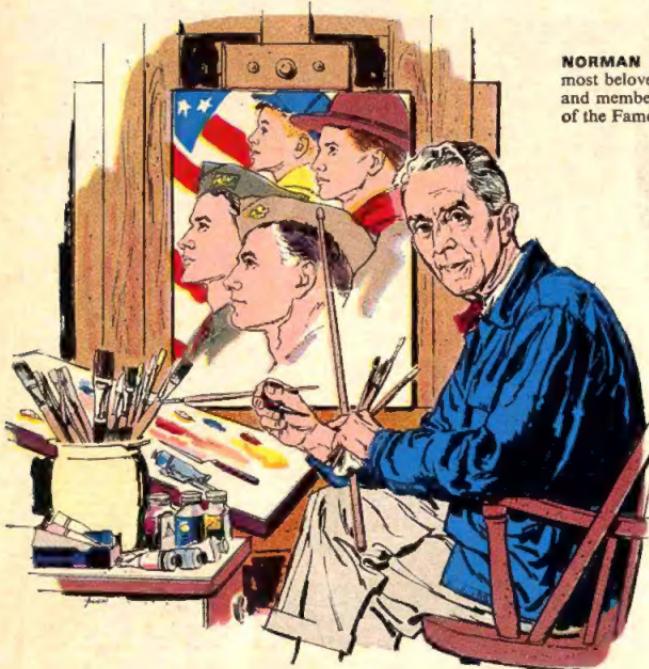
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